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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Bay Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/EIS). The Draft RMP/EIS considers and analyzes four alternatives that address future management of approximately 2.5 million acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Anchorage Field Office. The planning area includes lands in the Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay areas of southwest Alaska.

Your comments are needed at this time. The public review period for the Draft RMP/EIS will last 90 calendar days beginning with the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Public hearings will be held before the close of the comment period in communities within the planning area. Hearing dates, times, and specific locations will be announced through news releases and on Bay RMP Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/ak/ado/BayRMP01.html>). Written comments may be sent via U.S. Mail to the BLM Anchorage Field Office, Attn: Bay Draft RMP/EIS, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507, or via e-mail to akbayrmp@blm.gov. All comments will be considered and evaluated in the preparation of the Final RMP/EIS, and all substantive comments will be addressed.

Comments will be most useful if they are specific, mention particular pages (where appropriate), and address one or more of the following items:

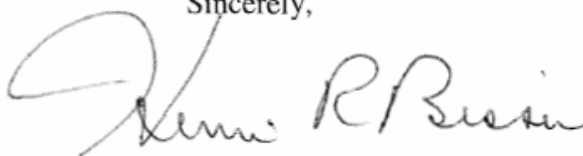
- Inaccuracies or discrepancies in information,
- Identification of new information that would have a bearing on the analysis,
- Identification of new impacts, alternatives, or mitigation measures, and
- Suggestions for improving management direction.

Public comments submitted for this planning review, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Anchorage Field Office during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from

organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of an organization or business, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

We appreciate your help in this planning effort and look forward to your continued interest and participation. For additional information or clarification regarding the Draft RMP/EIS or the planning process, please contact Pat McClenahan, Bay RMP Lead Planner, at 907-267-1484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henri R. Bisson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "B".

Henri R. Bisson
State Director